To our Citizens:

The University Park Fire Department has a vested interest in keeping you safe from all types of dangers. As we transition into the summer, we want to take a moment to provide you with information on fireworks. Please take the time to read the following material and visit the attached website links. We hope this will help all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully,

Fire Chief Chellios

Approved and Prohibited Consumer Fireworks and Unregulated Novelties

Section 1 of the Pyrotechnic Use Act, 425 ILCS 35/1, defines “Consumer Fireworks” as those fireworks that must comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the US Consumer Products Safety Commission, as set forth in 16 CFR Parts 1500 and 1507, and classified as fireworks UN 0336 or UN 0337 by the United States Department of Transportation under 49 CFR 172.101. For information on legal and illegal fireworks in the State of Illinois, please visit:

https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/SFMDocuments/Documents/ApprovedAndProhibitedFireworks.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Fireworks in Illinois

The Illinois Legislature amended the Pyrotechnic Use Act 425 ILCS 35 and the Pyrotechnic Distributor and Operator Licensing Act 225 ILCS 227. The Office of the State Fire Marshal has posted copies of these Acts, the Emergency Rules implementing these Acts, and applications for the various licenses on its website. The document at the link provided below answers questions that the State Fire Marshal has received from Professional Distributors and Operators, from Consumer Operators, and from the Public regarding fireworks in Illinois:

https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/SFMDocuments/Documents/FAQs_Consumer_Fireworks05212014.pdf

Fireworks Safety Tips & Information

Fireworks are often used during holidays and celebrations and are associated with excitement and fun. However, the use of these displays and devices can be dangerous and can result in life-altering injuries and dramatic negative long-term impact. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, over 11,000 fire-work injuries occurred in 2016. Sparklers, which are often thought of as a safe and simple firework, caused a reported 1,300 hand/finger injuries. A large number of injuries occur in children under 9 years of age, with many of these injuries in unsupervised children. In people of all ages, a firework injury to the upper extremity can have functional, economic, and psychological impact that is often underestimated. Visit the link below for information on fireworks safety.


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Village of University Park Ordinances Relating to Fireworks

Chapter 1260-Industrial District, Section 1260-06 Prohibited Uses
No lot shall be used, and no structure shall be erected, altered, or modified for any of the following uses: (6) Fireworks or explosives manufacturing or storage.

Chapter 835-Fireworks Displays, Section 835-01 Fireworks Displays on Private Property
The Fire Chief may issue a permit to a properly qualified pyrotechnic operator to allow a display of fireworks on private property, provided that the applicant (a) has written consent of the owner of the property where the applicant/pyrotechnic operator proposes to give the display; (b) provides proof that the applicant/pyrotechnic operator is in compliance with all provisions of the Illinois Pyrotechnic Operator Licensing Act; (c) provides proof that the applicant/pyrotechnic operator is in compliance with the Illinois Fireworks Use Act; (d) provides proof of general liability insurance covering the proposed fireworks display event, in an amount not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000.00), issued by an insurer authorized to insure risks in Illinois. The Village, its officers, and employees shall be named as additional insureds on the policy. The insurance policy shall provide for notice to the Fire Chief no less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to cancellation of coverage; and (e) if the proposed location of the fireworks display is licensed for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises, the applicant shall also include proof of the licensee's compliance with Section 6-32(a) of the Illinois Liquor Control Act, as amended.

Chapter 835-Fireworks Displays, Section 835-02 Fireworks Displays on Municipal Property
The Village Board may, from time-to-time, authorize fireworks displays to be given on Village owned property in connection with Village sponsored events, national holidays, and similar occasions. These displays shall be performed by professional pyrotechnic operators. Proof of compliance with Subsection 835-01 above must be provided to the Fire Chief by the professional pyrotechnic operator prior to the event.

Chapter 835-Fireworks Displays, Section 835-03 Fireworks Displays-Hours of Displays
No display of fireworks shall be permitted between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Chapter 630-Minors, Section 630-02 Parental Responsibility
The purpose of the University Park Parental Responsibility Ordinance is twofold: (1) to compensate innocent victims of willful or malicious juvenile misconduct, and (2) to place upon parents or legal guardians of minor children the obligation of control so as to prevent intentional harm to persons or property. A “legal guardian” means a person appointed guardian or given custody of a minor by a court, but it does not include a person appointed guardian or given custody of a minor under the Juvenile Court Act as amended. A “minor” means any person who has not yet attained the age of nineteen (19) years. Parental Irresponsibility. No parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor residing with such parent or legal guardian shall fail to exercise proper parental responsibility by allowing or permitting such minor to commit any violation of a Village ordinance or State statute concerning vandalism, battery, curfew, disorderly conduct, fireworks, obscene conduct, indecent exposure, trespass or possession of alcoholic liquor, cannabis or controlled substances, or any other offense of willful or malicious acts to persons or property.